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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Subj 1. (Currently Amended) A review and approval system for media content comprising a plurality of frames of digital data, [said system] comprising:

a player for playing [said] the media content [; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data];

Ay a comment receiver for receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames, and for receiving comments from a reviewer pertaining to the selected one or more of [said] the plurality of frames of [said] the media content; and

a storage manager for storing [said] the received comments in frame accurate correspondence with [said] the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data to which the received comments pertain.

2. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein [said] the media content [is] includes video data ordered by time code.

3. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein [said] the media content [is Quicktime video] includes audio data.

4. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 further including:

a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide [said] the comments.

5. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein [said] the comments [are] include text.

6. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein [said] the comments [are] include voice comments.

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7. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein [said] the player and [said] the comment receiver execute on a first computer system and [said] the storage [manger] manager executes on a second computer system, and [said] the first computer system and the second computer system[s] are coupled by a communications network.

8. (Currently Amended) A review and approval system for reviewing media content by a reviewer and capable of communicating with a media editing system, [said system] comprising:

a player for playing [said] the media content [; said] wherein the media content [consisting of] comprises a plurality of frames of digital data;

a comment receiver for receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames, and for receiving comments by [said] the reviewer, corresponding to the selected one or more of [said] the plurality of frames of [said] the media content; and

a storage manager for storing [said] the received comments in frame accurate correspondence with [said] the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data to which the received comments correspond, and

a file generator for producing a data file of [said] the received comments for informing [said] the media editing system of [said] the comments by [said] the reviewer.

9. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said] the data file has a data structure identifying [said] the reviewer and [said] the comment [of said] received from the reviewer.

10. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said datafile] the data file has a data structure identifying a frame rate for playing [said] the media content.

11. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said datafile] the data file has a data structure identifying [said] the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data [and corresponding said] that correspond to the received comments.

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12. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said datafile] the data file indicates that [said datafile] the data file contains [said] the comments of [said] the review and approval system.

13. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said] the media content [is] includes video data ordered by timecode.

14. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said] the media content [is] includes audio data.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 further including:

a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide [said] the comments.

17. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said] the comments [are] include text.

18. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said] the comments [are] include voice comments.

19. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein [said] the player and [said] the comment receiver execute on a first computer system and [said] the storage [manger] managcr executes on a second computer system, and [said] first computer system and the second computer system[s] are coupled by a communications network.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions , when executed by a computer, [to] instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content, comprising:

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playing [said] the media content [; said], wherein the media content [consisting of] comprises a plurality of frames of digital data;

receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames;

receiving comments pertaining to the selected one or more of [said] the plurality of frames of [said] the media content; and

storing [said] the received comments in frame accurate correspondence with [said] the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data to which the received comments pertain.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions , when executed by a computer, [to] instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing system, comprising:

playing [said] the media content [; said], wherein the media content [consisting of] comprises a plurality of frames of digital data;

receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames;

receiving comments by the user, corresponding to the selected one or more of [said] the plurality of frames of [said] the media content; and

communicating the comments of the user, and a frame accurate indication of the selected one or more of the plurality of frames to which the comments correspond, to [said] the editing system.

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[a frame rate for playing said media content to said editing system.]

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the process for reviewing [a] media content and providing comments by a user [with respect] corresponding to the media content and communicating the comments to [a] an editing system further includes communicating the one or more plurality of frames of digital data [and] corresponding to the [said] comments to the editing system.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the process for reviewing [a] media content and providing comments by a user [with respect] corresponding to the media content and communicating the comments to [a] an editing system further includes communicating to the editing system that the communicated comments originated at the review and approval system.